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NORMS FOR OPENING TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for opening Telephone Exchanges in rural areas;

(b) the number of Telephone Exchanges opened in Bongaigaon Telecom District under Assam circle since 1999 till date;

(c) the details thereof, area-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the proposals pending for opening of new telephone exchanges in rural areas and the steps taken thereto projecting the time schedule?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Minimum registered demand of 10 is required for opening of a new telephone exchange in rural areas. However, the norms are under revision.

(b) & (c): 15 new Telephone Exchanges have been opened in Bongaigaon Telecom District since 1999 as per details in Annexure-I.

(d) 10 new telephone exchanges are planned to be opened in rural areas of Bongaigaon district during 2002-2003 subject to availability of rented building and power supply connection. Details are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE -I

DETAILSOF TELEPHONEEXCHANGESOPENEDIN RURALAREASOF BONGAIONGAON TELECOM DISTRICT DURI 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002.

Year	New Telephone exchange opened in rural areas
1999-2000	1. Bhowraguri
	2. Agia
	3. Mosalpur
	4. Mornoi
	5. Rangjuli
2000-2001	1. Nityananda
	2. Bhella
	3. Alamganj
	4. Simlabazar
	5. Kumarikata
	6. Borbari
	7. Khandakarpara
	8. Gograpar
2001-2002	1. Satrasal
	2. Rampur

ANNEXURE-II

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES PLANNED TO BE SET UP DURING 2002-2003 IN BONGAIGAON DISTRICT.

1. Barobazar

2. Srirampur

3. Saderi

4. Damra

5. Balagaon
6. Jallah

7 Kayakuchi

8. Goalpara(Nalbari District)

9. Dolgoma
10. Kachugaon